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SUBJECT: DAILY PRESS SUMMARY, THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 1977

NEW YORK TIMES

AP FROM QUITO ON THE INSIDE

LEAD: "ROSALYNN CARTER ARRIVED TODAY ON THE THIRD STOP
OF HER GOOD-WILL TOUR OF SEVEN CARIBBEAN AND LATIN NATIONS
AND WAS GIVEN THE KEYS TO THE CITY BY MAYOR SIXTO BILLAN."

OTHER POINTS:

-- SHE WAS MET AT AIRPORT BY WIVES OF JUNTA.

-- SHE REVIEWED HONOR GUARD.

-- TOMORROW SHE VISITS WITH MEMBERS OF THE JUNTA.

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IN SAN JOSE PRESS CONFERENCE SHE SIDE-STEPPED QUESTION
ABOUT VESCO SAYING "IT'S JUST NOT FOR ME TO DISCUSS."
JUSTICE HAS MATTER UNDER REVIEW.

-- COSTA RICAN OFFICIALS SAID VESCO'S ELIGIBILITY FOR
COSTA RICAN CITIZENSHIP WOULD BE REVIEWED.

-- VESCO'S NAME HAS BEEN LINKED TO POLITICAL SCANDAL IN COSTA RICA.

-- A WOMEN'S GROUP LEFT LETTER WITH MRS. CARTER SAYING "YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS ACTED WITH DELIBERATE WEAKNESS IN NOT REQUESTING EXTRADITION OF MR. VESCO."

-- MRS. CARTER SAID AMERICANS ARE 100 PER CENT FOR JIMMY'S VIEW ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

-- MRS. CARTER TOLD PRESS CONFERENCE SHE HAD SPOKEN WITH HER HUSBAND DAILY.

BALTIMORE SUN

CARRIED SAME AP REPORT CARRIED BY NY TIMES ON THE INSIDE

WASHINGTON POST

SUSANNA MCBEE FROM QUITO ON THE INSIDE; FRONT PAGE PIX WITH MR. AND MRS. ODUBER.

LEAD: "ROSALYNN CARTER SAID TODAY THAT PRESIDENT CARTER IS TAKING A 'NEW APPROACH' TO LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY, 'NOT PROMISING THINGS HE CANNOT DELIVER.'"

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-- AT NEWS CONFERENCE IN SAN JOSE SHE SAID POLICY IS TO AVOID RAISING EXPECTATIONS ABOUT ASSISTANCE AND TRADE ADVANTAGES.

-- U.S. OFFICIALS WITH MRS. CARTER SAID HER COMMENTS WERE FIRST ELABORATION OF NEW POLICY SIGNALLED BUT NOT ARTICULATED BY PRESIDENT CARTER IN APRIL 14 SPEECH.

-- APRIL 14 SPEECH, OFFICIALS ADDED, PRESIDENT MADE FEW COMMITMENTS BECAUSE CONGRESS IN NO MOOD TO INCREASE FOREIGN AID AND GOVERNMENT PLEDGED TO ASSIST POOREST OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. MOST LATIN COUNTRIES CONSIDERED MIDDLE INCOME.

-- SHE TOLD PRESS WE UNDERSTAND COSTA RICAN DESIRE FOR MORE MEAT SALES TO U.S.; QUOTA SYSTEM IS UNDER REVIEW; THE QUOTAS ARE SET -- WE CANNOT PROMISE TO INCREASE THE QUOTA; WE ARE REVIEWING THE SITUATION.

-- U.S. OFFICIALS SAID MRS. CARTER WAS MAKING DISTINCTION BETWEEN CURRENT POLICY AND THAT OF FORD. KISSINGER PROMISED QUOTA INCREASE HE COULD NOT DELIVER.

-- MRS. CARTER SAID SHE HAD NOT DISCUSSED VESCO WITH COSTA RICAN LEADERS.

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JURATE KAZICKAS FROM QUITO

LEAD: "ROSALYNN CARTER, IN ECUADOR ON THIRD STOP ON HER LATIN AMERICAN GOOD-WILL TOUR, COMPLIMENTED THE ANDEAN NATIONS' RECORD ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND PLANS OF ITS MILITARY RULERS TO RESTORE CIVILIAN RULE."

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-- QUOTES FROM MRS. CARTER'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT.

-- SHE STOOD IN CHILLY AIR AND SHOOK HANDS FOR HALF AN HOUR.

SHE BEAMED WHEN W.B. CARROL TOLD HER HE CAME FROM COLUMBUS, GEORGIA.

TV NETWORK EVENING NEWS PROGRAMS DID NOT REPORT ON MRS. CARTER'S VISIT.

NBC-TV "TODAY"

JUDY WOODRUFF: "COSTA RICA HAS WHAT IS PROBABLY THE BEST SYSTEM OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN LATIN AMERICA. MRS. CARTER PAID TRIBUTE TO THAT WITH A VISIT TO A SCHOOL FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED AND CHILDREN WITH OTHER SPECIAL LEARNING PROBLEMS. A GROUP OF MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN SHOWED WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES. LATER, AT A NEWS CONFERENCE, THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE TALKED ABOUT HER HUSBAND'S COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING HUMAN RIGHTS."

(MRS. CARTER'S REMARKS)

WOODRUFF: "LATE YESTERDAY MRS. CARTER FLEW TO ECUADOR WHERE SHE WILL BE UNTIL FRIDAY."

CBS-TV "MORNING NEWS"

DAVID DOW: "THE NEIGHBORS OF THE "(BLANK) SPECIAL SCHOOL"
CAME EARLY TO PICK UP AMERICAN FLAGS AND AWAIT A GLIMPSE
OF ROSALYNN CARTER. FOR MRS. CARTER, THE VISIT WAS A
THREE-WAY GOODWILL MISSION -- GOODWILL FOR MENTAL HEALTH
PROGRAMS, ONE OF HER SPECIAL INTERESTS; GOODWILL FOR THE
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U.S.; AND GOODWILL FOR HER NATIVE STATE. THE PEACE
CORPS ADVISOR AT THIS RURAL SCHOOL FOR MENTALLY RE-
TARDED AND OTHER CHILDREN WITH LEARNING PROBLEMS IS A
GEORGIAN NAMED BERLE HORTON. MS. HORTON HAS ORGANIZED
AN EXCHANGE PROGRAM BETWEEN THIS SCHOOL AND A SIMILAR
ONE NEAR ATLANTA, WHICH HELPS EXPLAIN THE EXERCISE MUSIC
AT THIS SPANISH-SPEAKING SCHOOL. FOR THE MOST PART MRS.
CARTER'S COSTA RICAN VISIT WAS INTENDED AS A REINFORCE-
MENT OF THE TRADITIONALLY FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE
U.S. AND THIS CENTRAL AMERICAN DEMOCRACY AND OF HER
HUSBAND'S HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES. SHE REPEATEDLY
PRAISED COSTA RICA'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD, AND THE ONLY
NEGATIVE NOTE IN AN OTHERWISE HARMONIOUS VISIT WAS A
LETTER TO HER FROM A GROUP OF WOMEN CRITICIZING THE
PRESENCE OF FUGITIVE U.S. FINANCIER ROBERT VESCO IN THEIR
COUNTRY. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE SHE WAS ASKED IF THE U.S.
SH LD PRESS FOR VESCO'S EXTRADITION."

(MRS. CARTER'S REMARKS)

DOW: "VESCO BECOMES ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR COSTA RICAN
CITIZENSHIP, AND THUS POSSIBLY AVOID EXTRADITION, LATER
THIS MONTH. VANCE

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